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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We have chosen a local provider because we value the personal service and believe in supporting local businesses. They provide both telephone and internet at competitive rates.

We do not want to be forced to use AT&T because we lose our local provider.

I work from home and a high speed internet connection is crucial.

We are waiting for our local provider to be able to provide fiber. If they are not allowed to rent copper lines then they will not be able to offer fiber.

I am opposed to the USTelecom petition to change the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Sincerely,

Janet Powelson